GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4653
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2016
Farmers Participation in Water Resources Management
Shekhawat Shri Gajendra Singh

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives for participation of farmers in water resource management in the country including Rajasthan; and
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress achieved as a result of the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)
(a) Yes, Madam.
(b) The Union Government has been pursuing with the State Governments, including Rajasthan, for implementation of Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) practices through enactment of PIM Act. So far, 16 States (Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Odisha, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh) have either enacted exclusive PIM Act or amended their existing Irrigation Acts for involvement of farmers in irrigation management through formation of Water Users' Associations (WUAs). The Union Government, under its ongoing scheme of Command Area Development & Water Management (CADWM), also provides central assistance to the State Governments for release of one-time functional grant and infrastructure grant for strengthening of WUAs. As per information available with the Government, about 84,800 WUAs have been formed by various States in the country (Annexure-I).
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Annexure-I
Annexure-I refers to in reply to Part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4653 for reply on 15.12.2016 regarding "Farmers Participation in Water Resources Management" asked by SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT, M.P.
Details of State-wise Water User Associations (WUAs) formed and Area Covered
Sl.No.
Name Of State
Number Of WUAs Formed
Area Covered (Thousand hectare)
1-2
Andhra Pradesh/Telangana
10884
4179.25
3
Arunachal Pradesh
43
10.97
4
Assam
847
95.02
5
Bihar
80
209.47
6
Chattisgarh
1324
1244.56
7
Goa
84
9.54
8
Gujarat
8278
662.99
9
Harayana
8490

1616.27
10
Himachal Pradesh
1173
140.56
11
J & K
383
32.794
12
Jharkhand
0
0
13
Karnataka
2787
1418.66
14
Kerala
4398
191.22
15
Madhya Pradesh
2062
1999.64
16
Maharashtra
2959
1156.22
17
Manipur
69
29.4
18
Meghalaya
159
20.17
19
Mizoram
390
18.23
20
Nagaland
24
3.44
21
Orissa
20794
1757.71
22
Punjab
4845
610.29
23
Rajasthan
1994*
1144.45
24
Sikkim
0
0
25
Tamil Nadu
1910
935.664
26
Tripura
0
0
27
Uttar Pradesh

802
318.69
28
Uttrakhand
0
0
29
West Bengal
10000
37
Total
84779
17842.208
*As per updated information received from Government of Rajasthan, 4532 WUAs have been formed.
Note:
The above information is on the basis of information received from States and compiled by Agricultural Finance Corporation (Report on Evaluation and Impact Study of Command Area Development and Water Management Programme, AFCL, New Delhi, 2013).